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The Honorable Steven Bradford Senate Public Safety Committee, Chair 1020 O Street, Room 545 Sacramento, CA 95814

## ASSEMBLY BILL 2418 (KALRA) SUPPORT Senate Public Safety Committee

Dear Senator Bradford:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2418.

AB 2418 would establish the Justice Data Accountability and Transparency Act which would enhance transparency and accountability in criminal prosecutions by requiring district attorneys to collect and report data about their cases such as demographic information about the defendant and the victim, charging information, information about plea offers, and case disposition.

Despite the extraordinary power they wield, elected district attorneys publicly report very little on critical information such as charging rationale, length of time it takes for a case to move through the criminal justice process, and the number of certain crimes that have been charged, to name a few. This lack of transparency has only allowed racial bias to proliferate within the criminal legal system.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Assembly Member Kalra

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